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*Fisheries Higher Elementary School, Bekal, South Kanara.*

* 671 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state why the proposal contained in Memorandum No. 74003-F/51-9, dated 6th February 1952, of the Government regarding the conversion of the Bekal Higher Elementary School (Fisheries) into a middle school as a preliminary step to a high school was not implemented?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The proposal has since been sanctioned by the Government."

*Explosion at Kundur Malai in Kottayam taluk.*

* 672 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have received any report relating to an explosion which took place on 22nd February 1953 at Kundur Malai in Erinholi amsam, Kottayam taluk, and how it was caused?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The answer is in the affirmative. The explosion occurred when lightning struck the building in which explosives were stored."

*House Construction Co-operative Societies run by Harijans.*

* 673 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many co-operative societies there are in the State which are for uplift of Harijans and are run by Harijans; and

(*b*) how many of them are building and construction societies?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) On 30th June 1952 there were 2,785 Harijan Societies in the State.

" (*b*) In May 1952 there was only one housing society for the Harijans."

*Permission for tapping ' Neera.'*

* 674 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether permission for ' Neera ' has been granted in various areas in our State; and

(*b*) if so, what are the places where permission has been granted?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. Permission for tapping sweet toddy (neera) for sale as beverage is allowed in our State.

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" (b) (1) The whole districts of Tirunelveli and Ramanathapuram.

(2) Kakinada taluk, Narasapur taluk, Visakhapatnam taluk, Vijayavada taluk and Nuzvid taluk.

(3) The Tsundupalli Jaggery Society in Cuddapah district.

(4) The sale of neera is also allowed at the Neera Parlours at Palm Gur Training School, Cuddalore, Neera Parlour at Mangalore, Neera Parlour at Assembly Buildings, Madras."

*Auditing of temple accounts.*

* 675 *Q.*—Sri S. NARAYANAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(a) who the officers are, who audit the accounts of temples annually; and

(b) whether the question of entrusting such audit to the Local Fund Audit Department has ever been considered?

The Hon. Sri K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU:—" (a) The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts audits the accounts of the religious institutions annually.

" (b) Does not arise."

*Repairs to the Krishna Anicut.*

* 676 *Q.*—Sri T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any reports have been received by the Government from the Superintending Engineer, and Executive Engineer who are in charge of the Krishna Anicut Repairs giving any suggestions for strengthening the anicut and if so, what were the suggestions given by them; and

(b) whether the Government have received any representations from the public urging the necessity of a regulator road-bridge construction without any delay; and if so, what the Government propose to do and when the work is going to begin?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" (a) No.

" (b) Yes. The State Government have approved the proposals and have addressed the Government of India for their concurrence because they are concerned with National Highways No. 5 which is proposed to be aligned over the bridge and have to bear a portion of the cost of the work and also because their prior approval is necessary to the State Government undertaking any work costing over Rs. 1 crore and this work is estimated to cost Rs. 2·36 crores. The work will be started after the consent of the Government of India is received, the work is sanctioned and the necessary preliminaries completed."